

Beyond the Neon

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July 2004 Calendar of Events

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Summer Children's Film Series

Thursdays, 2-4 pm

East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center

250 North Eastern Avenue, **229-1515**

July 1 *Aladdin*

Aladdin, voiced by Robin Williams, Princess Jasmine and the monkey Abu search for the magic lamp.

July 8 *A Bug's Life*

Flik, the misfit ant, sets off to find bigger bugs to help his colony against evil grasshoppers.

July 15 *Lilo and Stitch*

A lonely little girl makes an unusual friend – a ukulele-playing alien who likes to toss around small automobiles – in this antic animated comedy.

July 22 *Scooby Doo*

This tongue-in-cheek live-action resurrection finds the old Saturday-morning-cartoon gang reunited to investigate the zombie teens of a haunted amusement park.

July 29 *The Lion King*

A lion cub is forced to flee into the jungle following his father's death and his evil uncle's usurpation of his throne.

Free admission

An San Park Concert

Ponder

Friday, July 2, 7-9 pm

An San Sister City Park

Ducharme Avenue west of South Buffalo, **229-4614**

Ponder is making a name for itself on the local music scene. Singer/songwriter Shawn Eiferman, guitarist John Lombardo, bassist Matt Wood and percussionist Beau Doyle have just released a new CD, *Think About It*. **Call 229-4614 for information.**

Free admission

4th of July Spectacular

Co-presented with the **Las Vegas Philharmonic**

Sunday, July 4, 7:30 pm (gates open at 4:30 pm)

Hills Park (Hillpointe Road west of Rampart)

Bring a picnic basket, blankets or lawn chairs and celebrate our nation's birthday with patriotic music and special guests, followed by a spectacular fireworks show.

Call 258-5438 for information.

Tickets (call 895-ARTS): \$60 pavilion seating (includes box dinner)

Advance purchase: \$15 adults, \$10 ages 6-12, children 5 & under free

At gate: \$20 adults, \$15 ages 6-12, children 5 & under free

Studio Straight Ahead Jazz Series

Our dynamic series offers straight ahead jazz in an intimate concert setting.

Wayne de Silva Trio

Saturday, July 10, 7 pm

Tribute to Sonny Rollins.

Bob Winett Quartet

Saturday, July 24, 7 pm

Jazz flautist.

Reed Whipple Cultural Center

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

Tickets: \$7

Children's Summer Concert Series

This annual 3-week series is designed to introduce children to the magic and wonder of live theatre.

The Banana Slug String Band

Wednesday, July 7, 2 pm

Charleston Heights Arts Center

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

Friday, July 9, 2 & 7 pm

Reed Whipple Cultural Center

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

Rockin' boogies, sensitive ballads, folk songs, reggae and rap, theatre, puppetry and audience participation create a fun-filled learning experience.

Tickets: \$3

Jim Moore and the Animal Band

Wednesday, July 14, 2 pm

Charleston Heights Arts Center

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

Friday, July 16, 2 & 7 pm

Reed Whipple Cultural Center

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

The Animal Band is back for another fabulous encore performance! One of the most successful acts in family entertainment, the Animal Band features music, laughter and enthusiastic audience participation.

Tickets: \$3

Tears of Joy Puppet Theatre

Coyote Tales

Wednesday, July 21, 2 pm

Charleston Heights Arts Center

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

Friday, July 23, 2 & 7 pm

Reed Whipple Cultural Center

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

Native American tales are told with beautifully crafted puppets, rich costumes and original music.

Tickets: \$3

Family Film Series

Bring the family and a picnic and watch some of Disney's most popular animated films.

Thursdays, 8 pm

Jaycee Park (Eastern Avenue & St. Louis)

July 8 *Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*

Snow White set the standard for animated full-length feature films with its release in 1937.

July 15 *Dumbo*

The big-eared, plucky little elephant is born into an intolerant world that can't accept abnormality.

July 22 *Peter Pan*

Adventure awaits Tinkerbell, Wendy, Captain Hook, and, of course, the boy who never grows up – Peter Pan.

July 29 *Fantasia*

Melding classical music with inspired animation, this innovative film, poorly received when first released, has become an enduring classic.

Free admission

Ogbon Opon – The Knowledge Circle

Saturdays, July 10, August 14, 3 pm

West Las Vegas Arts Center

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, **229-4800**

Chief Fafore Akinlana leads a monthly discussion on the philosophical and cultural achievements of the Yoruba, Dogon, and Egyptian people.

Free admission

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An San Sister City Park

Ducharme Avenue west of South Buffalo, **229-4614**

Children love the Animal Band, one of the most successful family entertainment acts around. Call **229-4614** for information.

Free admission

Downtown Cultural Series

Joe Lano Jazz Band

Friday, July 16, 12-1 pm

Lloyd D. George U.S. Courthouse

333 Las Vegas Boulevard South, **229-1087**

Internationally acclaimed guitarist and arranger Joe Lano has performed with many of the great musical entertainers, including Buddy Greco, Lena Horne, Carl Fontana and Mel Torme. Bring a sack lunch or partake of the light refreshments available.

Free admission

The Poets' Corner

Friday, July 16, 7:30 pm

West Las Vegas Arts Center

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, **229-4800**

Keith Brantley and Pendelita Toney host a forum for established poets and open mic participants.

Free Admission

Celebrating Life! 2004

Senior Juried Art Competition and Exhibition

Entries due July 22-24

Awards Ceremony: Saturday, July 31, 1-3 pm

Exhibition dates: July 31-October 1

Charleston Heights Arts Center

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

Annual City of Las Vegas Arts Commission's competition is open to all artists age 50 and older. Call **229-4631** for information.

African American Fathers: Factors That Motivate Their Commitment to Their Children

Saturday, July 24, 3 pm

West Las Vegas Arts Center

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, **229-4800**

John Carter, Ph.D., presents an overview of his study that examined the roles African-American men play in the family. A question and answer period follows.

Free admission

Sunshine Patriots

Cosponsored with Native Son Bookstore

Wednesday, July 28, 7 pm

West Las Vegas Arts Center

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, **229-4800**

Meet novelist Bill Campbell.

Free admission

Performing and Visual Arts Camp for Kids 2004 Final Musical Production

Cosponsored by the West Las Vegas Pioneers

Saturday, July 31, 2 pm

West Las Vegas Library Theatre

951 West Lake Mead Boulevard

This year's arts camp participants present an end-of-camp musical production. Call **229-4800**.

Tickets: \$10

Summer Student Showcase

Saturday, July 31, 2-4 pm

East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center

250 North Eastern Avenue, **229-1515**

Students showcase their artwork, dance routines and musical numbers. The Dos Culturas de Miguel Curiel mariachi band and Tepuchcalli Ballet Folklorico Dance Company also perform.

Free admission

Old Time Barn Dance

Cosponsored with Southern Nevada Old Time Contra Dancers

Saturday, July 31, 7-10 pm

Charleston Heights Arts Center Ballroom

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

Callers and live fiddlin' music for square dancing, mixers, contras, waltzes and polkas. Free dance lesson at 6:30 pm! No partner or experience needed.

Tickets: \$6 adults, \$5 members, \$3 students and active military, children under 15 free

IN THE GALLERIES

The Color of Hay: Ancient Peasant Ways in Transylvania

Kathleen Laraia McLaughlin

through July 11

Charleston Heights Arts Center

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

McLaughlin's black and white photographs illustrate the lives of Romanian peasants in Transylvania, who still live in much the same way as their ancestors. Call **229-4674** for information.

Free admission

Viva Downtown: Celebrating the Art of the Aerial Gallery

through July 30

Bridge Gallery

City Hall, 2nd Floor, 4th Street and Stewart Avenue, **229-4674**

Viewers get a close-up look at the original artwork by local artists Dayo Adelaja, Dottie Burton, Jorge Catoni, Stewart Freshwater, Haya Gil-Lubin, Suzanne Hacket-Morgan, Jack Hallberg, Jerry Misko, Marty Walsh, and artists from the group Five Finger Miscount, whose banners are on display along Las Vegas Boulevard from Charleston to City Hall.

Free admission

Urban Fusions

Susan Bowen

through August 15

Reed Whipple Cultural Center

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

Inspired by the energy and complexity of the urban environment, photographer Bowen explores the themes of time, chance, convergence and vitality. Using a \$20 plastic camera called a Holga, she creates the images by partially advancing the film between exposures. Call **229-4674** for information.

Free admission

Transforming Images of Nature

Roxene Rockwell

July 16-September 12

Charleston Heights Arts Center

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

Roxene Rockwell's surreal-based collages deal with introspection: the examination of things around us and within ourselves. Using existing images from catalogs, magazines and personal photographs, she cuts small pieces and transforms them into new expressions of fantasy. Call **229-4674** for information.

Free admission

Las Vegas Arts Connection

Cultural Affairs Division staff will present information about its programs to your business, organization or civic group. Call **229-1087** for information.

Free service

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